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**LAWRENCE MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN SALEM, NH DRUG SALES**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent in Charge Clifford Ellston, and Salem Police Chief Paul T. Donovan, announced that Jan Serrano, age 20, of Lawrence, Massachusetts pled guilty today in U.S. District Court in connection with cocaine and ecstasy sales in Salem, NH, in February and March 2004.

During a hearing before U. S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr., Serrano admitted that he sold the drugs to an undercover agent and that he possessed a firearm with an obliterated serial number during one of the transactions.

Serrano was indicted on June 16, 2004 by a federal grand jury on four counts of Drug Distribution, Using a Firearm During a Drug Trafficking Crime and Possession of a Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number. He faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case represents another example of sound inter-agency cooperation to stop the flow of illegal drugs into New Hampshire and this office will continue to work vigorously toward that goal."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the collaborative efforts of the Salem, New Hampshire Police Department, the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.